

MIDDLE APPLGATE PILOT PROJECT  
PUBLIC MEETING ON MONITORING  
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## MEETING NOTES

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### A MEETING ON COMMUNITY-BASED AND MULTI-PARTY MONITORING

#### MEETING OVERVIEW:

The Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council, the Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative and the Bureau of Land Management Medford District Office convened a facilitated public meeting to identify principles, processes, and priorities in implementing a monitoring plan for the Middle Applegate Pilot Project (MAPP). The MAPP is a collaboratively- designed demonstration of the dry forest restoration principles developed by Drs. Jerry Franklin and Norm Johnson. With an emphasis placed on learning and experimentation, the project requires a commitment to various types of monitoring and adaptive management practices.

The purpose of the meeting was to give people an early opportunity to identify the various specific types of monitoring that should be done, how that monitoring should be conducted, and in what ways people want to be directly or indirectly involved with the monitoring effort. It is anticipated that there will be more meetings and community engagement opportunities as the project develops. After introductions, project presentations and group discussion, participants were asked to begin a “world café” style dialogue by rotating amongst table groups to respond to three focus questions: 1) how should we organize? 2) How do you want to be involved? And 3) what are the next steps?

#### REPORT CONTENTS:

- Public concerns, ideas, interests by category
- Public responses to three (3) focus questions: What are the next steps? How should we organize, if at all? How do you want to be involved
- Summary

## Large Group Discussion Topics by Category

### WHO?

### TOPIC

<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	Implementation/effectiveness Implementation re: principles/demo Lauren Kellogg Measure improvements from present condition Clearly define success measures Can't always see success in a short time, but over time
<div></div>	Structure to scalable Transparent, everyone have access to data, process, etc. Realistic Simple, usable Phase I is limited, Phase II less so Need to identify monitoring questions
	Socio-economic impacts Does acre accomplishment mean anything to community, need to pay attention to that Transparent, everyone have access Looking for community objective, voice Improve the local forestry economy
<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	Size/class distribution for live/dead& down, with reasonable sampling Wildlife component Skips/gaps distribution Monitoring harvest methods, looking for innovation Spotted owl monitoring Soil moisture Stand exams Mapped corridors and linked islands Soil building

## World Café Dialogue

Focus Question: How Should We Organize? *Table facilitator: George McKinley*

1. Have a steering committee with advisors that inform or direct the work of a tiered task force groups that work on specific issues or topics such as “socio-economic, wildlife, outreach, etc.
2. Either avoid or maximize the “duplicate” efforts of other activities. Coordinate & track community/agency/ACA efforts and findings; Phase 1 Limitations/expectations; Identify efforts/assessments/WA; Engage external /expert info
3. Tracking for broader landscape applications to all agencies
4. Create, maintain separate email list from BLM
5. Ascertain & clarify Agency (BLM) commitment to monitoring;
6. Ascertain & clarify relationship between Agency/Community/Task Force Groups/Academic Efforts
7. Create a simple, possible, and clear plan
8. [REDACTED]

Focus Question: How Do You Want to be Involved? What resources can you bring? Who else should be involved? *Table Facilitator: Vicki Sturtevant*

1. Provide Data & Expertise:
  - BLM [REDACTED] – bring available data sets, wildlife –related;
  - FWS [REDACTED] – provide technical assistance, expertise to facilitate discussions and keep broader picture in mind;
  - KBO [REDACTED] – steering committee, help it to think big picture, and provide early plug in to AM before subcommittees break off.
  - Forester with years in fields, effects on countries ([REDACTED]).
  - Monitoring meetings – considerations of economics and specific individual treatments impacts ([REDACTED]).
2. Outreach/Communication –
  - [REDACTED] be proactive in notices and when reactive provide clear & and provide clear, accurate responses to questions; important to respond to emo.
  - Recruit local old timers for experiential knowledge, watershed history, and hydrologic events -- check watershed council? Agencies? [REDACTED] Could get them involved in monitoring, e.g. Rogue Steelheaders, Rogue Valley Audubon.
  - Passing on information to So. Or. Resource Alliance & Walden’s Office ([REDACTED]).
  - Overall liaison with community involvement in monitoring; facilitate with larger community involvement and outside resources ([REDACTED]);
  - Others to involve: local community groups like Forest Creek, Missouri Flats, old timers, watershed councils, media, ODFW.

3. Developing Goals, Monitoring Plan –
  - Help establish short-term implementation goals (to lead to implementation/monitoring indicators [REDACTED])
  - Creating list of monitoring objectives to work on the ground as a subcommittee, hands on and recruiting volunteers ([REDACTED])
4. Field Presence & Help:
  - Implementing plots from BLM Objective [REDACTED] .
  - Design of monitoring & work in field, technical skills – soil scientist & hydrology [REDACTED]
  - Help with implementation monitoring in the field to determine if EA was faithfully implemented [REDACTED].
5. Oversight [REDACTED]

Focus Question: What are the next steps? *Table facilitator: Richard Whitley*

1. Form a steering committee with subcommittees per topic area that would decide the kinds of things that need to go into a monitoring plan.
  - Recommend objectives and indicators/metrics. Prioritize a fixed number of metrics prior to moving forward (what is doable in the immediate future versus long term or Phase II?).
  - Determine who will process, analyze, and interpret data?
  - Determine to what intensity we need to monitor
  - Define success for each objective
  - Pre-treatment data
2. Identify funding sources and responsible parties (who is going to *do* the monitoring).
3. Ensure transparency and where/how to house the data for transparency and availability.

## S U M M A R Y:

There is a high degree of consensus that a monitoring oversight committee should be formed with task force workgroups formalized with task force subgroups formed according to the identified themes: oversight, monitoring plan design (indicators, objectives, metrics), communication/outreach process (transparency, others involved), and field work with technical experts available to provide data and facilitate discussion per topical areas under consideration.

Thematic discussion included being realistic about what can be accomplished, ascertaining BLM's fiscal capacity and commitment to monitoring and adaptive management, and, finding other funding sources for community partners and sharing accountability for project success.